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SABBATH SERVICES

Sabbath School.....	9:30 A. M.
Church Services.....	10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E.....	6:45 P. M.
Junior Y. P. S. C. E.....	2:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday.....	7:30 P. M.

The August meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society will be held in the lecture rooms of the church Thursday afternoon, August 22nd.

Mrs. Rudisill will entertain the ladies of the church at her home sometime in September, the date will be announced later.

The Orphans' Home anniversary will be held Thursday, August 1st. The women of Grace church will have charge of the candy and ice cream booth as in former years. A conveyance will be at the church for the women at 9:30 on the morning of the anniversary.

The young people's service on Sabbath evening at 7 o'clock is proving to be quite interesting and helpful and the attendance has been above the average. It is the only evening service we are having during the summer months. You will enjoy the services. Come.

The piano in the Sunday school room will be for sale after the pipe organ is installed in the auditorium.

Mr. Thony has been employed to clean the carpets, windows, woodwork and furniture in the auditorium. We

are sure he will do his work acceptably. His bill will be some thirty dollars. This expense is to be met by contributions from the members. You can pay your money to Mrs. Snyder the president of the Aid Society. Some are paying dollars, others half dollars.

The pastor and wife, accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Diefenbach and children, will go to Winona for the month of August. They will occupy "the Pines," a cottage on the terrace near the auditorium. The Sabbath morning services and the young people's meetings at 7 p. m. will be continued during the month of August, the pastor will be home for some of the services. We hope to see a number of our people at Winona during the Bible Conference, which begins Friday, August 23rd and closes on Sunday, September 1.

June 18 the Consistory signed a contract with the Votteler-Hettehe Organ Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, for the construction of our pipe organ, to be installed by October 1st. This company has two organs in the city, one at the Concordia Lutheran church, the other at the Crescent Avenue church. They have a number of organs in surrounding cities. They placed the organ in the Reformed church at Huntington. They have organs in twelve of the Reformed church in Cleveland and some sixty in the city. When their agent, Mr. Holkamp, was in the city, the Consistory accompanied by a number of the members of the church went

out to the Concordia church and heard the organ there. Prof. Archer who plays the organ at the First Presbyterian church and also the one at Masonic Cathedral, and who is the best authority on pipe organs in Fort Wayne, by request came out and tested the organ. He has played on a number of organs made by the Cleveland company and he assures us that we could make no mistake in placing our order with them. He also assured us that the company was in every way responsible, and would do us first-class work. The organ will be built with special adaptations for our auditorium. The agent congratulated us upon the splendid provision made in our church for an organ and he said they would give us a "gem."

Sometime ago we received a letter from our young brother, Irving Bitner, at Yreka, Calif. It is of general interest, and as our people are always anxious to hear from him, we publish it below. It is very evident from this letter and from his unsolicited remittance for the organ fund, that Irving has not lost his interest in Grace church.

YREKA, Calif., June 7, 1912.

Dear Mr. Zartman:

For the past several months I have been following closely your accounts on the Debt Fund and Organ Fund, and from the last issue of the Visitor I see you have had the burning of the mortgage. This no doubt was a great day in the church and the people see their three years' of effort on this work was not in vain.

I am sending you enclosed a money order for \$5.00 which I wish you would add to the Organ Fund. Would like to increase this amount many times if circumstances would permit. However, I know you are glad to receive any amount, though small it may be. I still think of Grace church and want to do as much as is possible for

me to do, even though separated by many miles. My thoughts are many times with you all, although my personal visits may be few.

The days are rolling by and a few more weeks and it will be one year since leaving Fort Wayne. However, I cannot realize it. Have begun to like Yreka real well since becoming acquainted with the people and feel right at home. The weather for the past week has been very warm, but the cool evenings make it very pleasant near the close of the day. Was sorry I did not get to see Mr. Vorde-mark on his return home.

The news of John Koepfs' death was quite a shock to me, especially as I had only learned of his illness about a week before that. John was a mighty fine fellow and will be missed by all.

Have had a letter from Clara Schaaf and she has graduated from Stanford and also won honors. She states she intends to take another year at Stanford and will possibly attend Berkeley this summer. Was not possible for me to go down to Palo Alto or I should have been in attendance at the graduation.

The busy season for the Forest service is beginning now and as the dry season is on fires begin to appear.

Remember me to Mrs. Zartman, and with best wishes to all, I am as ever,

Sincerely
IRVING.

The organ fund keeps on growing and we are anxious to see it grow into several hundred dollars more than it has so far, and we are sure it will do this, if those who have not yet contributed, will give as liberally as those who have already given pledges. We have now over one hundred pledges ranging from one dollar up to fifty. We never before found our people so willing to give as they are to give to the organ fund. They all

feel that we need an organ and should have had one long ago. If you have not already given a subscription to the organ fund, the pastor will be glad to receive your pledge or cash contribution. Do not hesitate to give because you may not be able to do as much as some others. Every dollar helps. With the church refrescoed throughout, a new carpet for the auditorium and a pipe organ installed, we shall not only feel that we have accomplished great things, but that we have honored the Lord, and we shall have a greater joy and interest in the service of the Lord. Let us pray and labor together earnestly for the peace and prosperity of the church.

HOME AND AT REST.

Mrs. Ruhl, wife of Rev. Phillip Ruhl, died at the family residence on W. Lewis street, on Saturday evening, July 13, of heart failure. Death came altogether unexpected. While she had been sorely afflicted for many years with asthma and had been having a severe attack for a week or more, it was not thought that her condition was so serious. Without scarcely a moment of warning the end came and she was gone. Brother Ruhl had a long pastorate in the Salem Reformed church and both he and his faithful companion are well known to a large circle of friends in the Reformed churches in the city. Mrs. Ruhl was a devoted companion and an efficient coworker with her husband in his ministry. Before coming to Fort Wayne they had a long pastorate in the Reformed church at Kenton, Ohio, and also at Auburn, Ind. She was a comfort, a counselor and strength to her husband in his ministry and labor of love. She was quiet and unassuming in her disposition, but warm-hearted and cordial and drew her friends close to her, and she was above all an earnest and confiding child of God. Her last

utterances as the end was approaching were words of prayer in which she committed herself into the loving care of her Heavenly Father. The pastor had known Mrs. Ruhl for more than thirty years and we know that not only has our brother been bereft of an affectionate and devoted companion, and the son of a warm-hearted and solicitous mother, but the church has lost and efficient and faithful member. The funeral services were private and were held from the home on Wednesday afternoon, July 17. The interment was at the Lindenwood. The pastor regretted exceedingly that he could not be present at these services, as requested by the family. They have our sympathy and prayer in their sorrow and bereavement. Life's toils and sorrows are ended, and another of the Lord's children has been called to enter the Father's House on the other side.

Harry Timmis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Timmis, died at Louisville, Ky., July 10. The remains were brought to this city to the home of his father on Eckart street where the funeral services were held Monday afternoon, July 15. He was aged 36 years, 11 months and 12 days. His father and mother and five brothers and two sisters survive him.

The Sunday school and church picnic at Swinney park Friday, July 12, was fairly well attended. The children were happy and the older people had a good visit together. Swinney park is an ideal place for church picnics.

Thursday afternoon, July 18, the Woman's Missionary Society held its monthly meeting at Robison park. Some thirty or more of the women were in attendance. After the business session they had their supper together and remained on the grounds until a late hour in the evening.

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Hazel Gooley and her brother, Donald, had a vacation of a week or more with their friends in Huntington during the first week of this month.

Miss Deppen, a member of the Reformed church at Bloomville, O., is a student in the International Business college, of Fort Wayne. We are glad to know this young lady and welcome her to our Sunday school and church services.

Rollo Barbier, and a friend of his, made a trip down the Maumee river to Toledo a few weeks ago, on a boat of their own construction. They were about a week making the trip. They had a fine outing. So far we have not heard anything about their fishing.

Mr. Robert Schmidt spent a recent Sabbath with his parents at Indianapolis. His sister is visiting him at present.

Mr. Weller's new house on Spy Run avenue is getting along splendidly. From present appearances they will have one of the prettiest homes on the avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leikauf have been spending a week at Rome City, and expect to go back to the lake for the month of August. The fishing is fine at Rome City.

Mr. James Smith has been off police duty since the first of February on account of a sore limb. He is improving some within the past few weeks.

Mr. George P. Gates and Katie A. Eberle, of Peru, Ind., were married at the parsonage Thursday afternoon, June 26th.

Miss Ruth More spent a few weeks with her grandparents at Lima, O., during the first of this month.

Mr. William Walters, of Detroit,

was home to spend the Sabbath, July 21, with his parents. He is looking well and is as jolly as ever.

Mr. Evan Williams has had a weeks vacation. He spent a part of the time with his parents at Vanadocia Ohio.

Allan Berleman, the little grandson of the pastor, was a guest at the parish house for several days recently. He was contented and quite happy. He enjoyed the afternoon at Robison Park especially. He is very partial to the ponies and monkies. He was also out to the Brookside farm and saw the Buffaloes, Elk and deer. He had many questions to ask about these strange looking creatures.

Mr. William Straub went to the Lutheran hospital Monday evening, July 8, for an operation for appendicitis. He got along splendidly and will very soon be quite well again.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Shiffer, of Rock Island, Ill., were recent guests at the home of their uncle, Mr. J. W. Shiffer, on South Calhoun. We were glad to meet these young people and have them with us in our services.

Mr. Raymond Close is at home from Purdue for the summer vacation. He is again with the Pennsylvania Company and has been doing some hard stunts. We are glad to have him at home and to see him at our services.

Mr. Frank Bittner has returned from Grand Rapids, and has taken a position with the Indiana Lighting Company. He will remain in the city permanently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Payne, with their children, recently made a trip to Chicago, where they spent some days sight seeing. They all kept well while on the trip, and had a very enjoyable time.

The ladies of the church spent the afternoon of Thursday, July 11th at the home of Mrs. A. M. Henderson on

Liberty street. The women took their sewing with them and they had a good old fashioned visit together. At about five o'clock the table was set in the dining room and they all had a picnic supper together. The pastor had the privilege of being one of the honored guests. Mrs. Henderson was feeling well and we are sure fully enjoyed the afternoon. She and Miss Maggie Harrod did everything they could to entertain the women and make it pleasant for them. July 19th Mrs. Henderson celebrated her seventy-ninth birthday anniversary. She is well preserved in body and mind, and is as happy and cordial as ever. She is one of the few of the older residents that are left in the city. She, with her father's family, came to Fort Wayne when she was ten years of age. We hope she may retain her good health and sojourn with us for many more years.

Sabbath afternoon and evening, July 14th, the pastor preached in the Reformed church at Leo, Ind. This church has been without a pastor for the past three or four years. There is a splendid opportunity to do a good work in that community. They have a substantial brick building, nicely furnished and without a cent of indebtedness. For sometime the people have debated the advisability of disbanding and selling the church property. At a meeting of the members at the close of the afternoon service on the Sabbath when we were with them this matter was discussed at some length, but it was finally decided to retain the property and an effort would be made to secure a pastor. We hope the Board of Home Missions will be able to do something for this parish. The Salem Reformed church 12 miles north of Fort Wayne, is a part of this charge. We are very anxious that something may be done for these

people. If the church at Leo would be more convenient of access we should be glad to go out and give them services occasionally.

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Aug. 4.—The Christian Virtues. Temperance. 1 Cor. 9:19-27. Hazel Gooley.

Aug. 11—God's Beautiful Outdoors; What It Teaches Me. Ps. 65:1-13. Nora Minor.

Aug. 18—Christian Tact. John 4:1-30. Robert Schmidt.

Aug. 25—Missionary Progress in South America and the Islands. Acts 16:16-34. Evan Williams.

Sept. 1. The Christian Virtues, Humility. Rom. 5:1-5; 8:24-28. Lizzie Rudisill.

Sept. 8—Why and How to Improve the Mind. Prov. 9:1-11. (School and College Meeting.)

AN ALARMING STATEMENT.

The corresponding secretary of the Sunday school board of the Methodist church is the authority for the statement that there are 8,000,000 young people in this country, between the ages of five and eighteen, who are not members of any Sunday school, Protestant or Catholic.

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